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SUBJECT: BONDING REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. FISHING VESSELS

1. FISHATT WILL RECALL THAT DURING RECENT FISHERIES TALKS IN WASHINGTON DEPT. OFFICERS DISCUSSED WITH DIAZ ROJO PROBLEM WHICH HAS ARISEN WITH RESPECT TO BONDING REQUIREMENTS BEING IMPOSED ON U.S. VESSELS OPERATING INSIDE 12-MILES OF MEXICO UNDER TERMS OF FISHERIES AGREEMENT. U.S. BAITBOATS WHICH TRADITIONALLY HAVE GONE TO MEXICAN PORTS TO TAKE ON MEXICAN CREWS ARE NOW BEING TOLD THAT BOND MUST BE POSTED BEFORE SAILING WITH MEXICAN CREWS.

2. REQUIREMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR VESSEL OWNERS TO MEET DUE TO NATURE OF FISHING OPERATIONS AND IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT. TO THE CONTRARY, AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY CONTEMPLATES CONTINUATION OF PAST PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO OPERATIONS OF FISHERY. THIS REQUIREMENT COULD LEAD TO TOTAL DISRUPTION OF INSIDE
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12-MILES FISHERY IF U.S. OWNERS DO NOT PICK UP MEXICAN CREWS SINCE GLOBAL 50 PERCENT MEXICAN MANNING REQUIREMENT WOULD NOT BE MET.

3. THIS ISSUE CANNOT WAIT UNTIL LATE APRIL USG/GOM FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS FOR RESOLUTION. DEPT. IS INFORMED THAT GRACE PERIOD HAS BEEN GRANTED SO THAT BONDING

REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 25.
EMBASSY REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOM TO REQUEST THAT THIS
REQUIREMENT NOT BE IMPOSED. IN ADDITION TO PRESSING
DIAZ ROJO FOR RESOLUTION, EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND ALSO GOM LABOR DEPT. SINCE REQUIREMENT IS
APPARENTLY COMING FROM MEXICAN UNIONS BASED ON OLD PRO-
VISION IN NATIONAL LABOR LAWS WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN
IMPLEMENTED. AT A MINIMUM, DEPT. HOPES THAT GOM WOULD
EXTEND GRACE PERIOD FOR IMPOSING ANY BONDING REQUIREMENTS
UNTIL AFTER APRIL CONSULTATIONS.
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